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2. It is recommended that you review the subject Act to determine if it, in fact, requires either the deposition of sensitive seismic and geodetic information with the Coast and Geodetic Survey or the publication of such data. If it is found that this is required, it is further recommended that steps be taken to amend the Act to remove the necessity for publication of such classified data and either to exclude classified material from the Coast and Geodetic Survey central depository or, through arrangements with that organization, to insure that its security will be protected within that depository.

  
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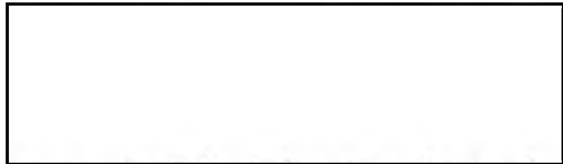
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